September 20 , 2026
Pentecost 17

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, to Christians from every tradition, and to people new to the faith.

Welcome to you who have no church home, or who want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not know for sure what you believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

We welcome your questions and your beliefs

Welcome to Lebanon
All are welcome in this place

Readings for today: **Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16.**

Readings for next week: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32.
Try reading these ahead at home and see if you can find what holds them together.

We need a volunteer reader for Sundays.

Did you know .....
.....that you can always watch recent worship services on our website, and find the Yellow Pages for each week there too?
www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

Worship on the Web & in person - Sundays at 10:15am

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates when they occur.

Altar flowers are placed today by Margaret Everling in memory of her father, Kenneth Doran.

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

It is an important part of our ministry to be constantly praying for one another. *We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality.*

Prayers for those who are homebound: *Our Minister*

Jane Blyth, 28801 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 332; Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081

Chris Claus, American House - 18100 174th Avenue, Spring Lake, MI 49456

Shirley Glass, with health concerns, StoryPoint West, 3121 Lake Michigan Drive, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Marlene Holmstrom, The Cottages at Martin Lake 3088 S Van Wagoner Ave Fremont, MI 49412 (213) 307-4567

Val Johnson, at White Lake Assisted Living 6827 Whitehall Road - Apartment 16 - Whitehall, MI 49461

Ken Kolb, with health issues - **American House Spring Lake - Pebblebrook; 18100 174th Avenue, #10; Spring Lake, MI 49456**

Elaine Liska, Sunrise Senior Living—Sunrise of Troy; 6870 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48098-1704. Elaine Liska—Room 130.

Phyllis Monte, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461

Ruth Nurmi, with health concerns—308 E. Dayton Street, Fremont, 49412

Lois Szczerbinski, Robbinswood Assisted Living, 2650 Ruddiman North Muskegon, MI 49445

Special Prayer Concerns:

Cindy Albert, suffering from dizziness

Brianne Beekman, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.

Don B, (Ernie Stacy's friend from the Lions Club), newly diagnosed with leukemia.

Lucas Carlson, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.

Diane Eastman, with health concerns

Tom & Sheila Fretty, health concerns.

Brian Holmblade, with heart issues

Pam Landis, friend of Barb Aardema, awaiting results from medical tests.

Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).

John Parks, with health concerns

Bev Statz, with health concerns.
Sharon Swenson, (Bernie's widow) in rehab in Allen, TX
Bev Uetricht, recuperating after transplant surgery
Katie VandeBunte (Ernie and Donna Stacy's daughter) being treated for Stage II breast cancer
Darlene Willbrandt, in treatment for re-occurring pancreatic cancer.

For our partners in faith, our companion synods in Salud para la Vida in San Pedro Sula, Honduras for their mission and ministry in their place as we fulfill our mission in our place; for all the churches of the Lutheran World Federation, for people of the gospel throughout the world

Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for: Frank & Alice Hollister

Congregational prayers for September 2026: Charlie & Michaelanne Hendrixon, Samantha and Elly.

For our Synod Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas and her staff **Alex Aivars, Scott Torkko,** and **Kate Van Valkenburg.**

For our Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.

As Jesus calls us to be one even as he and the Father are one, please remember these leaders, and judicatories in prayer on Sunday mornings.–

Today we pray for: Feast of Victory Church / Acme; Rev. Haley Vay Beaman.

Next week we pray for: Immanuel Lutheran Church / Allegan; Rev. Christopher Laughlin.

Hand sanitizer is located at several stations as well as masks
Masks in the church building are optional

Adult Forum at 9:00 am. Coffee will be on!
Please join us each Sunday!

Last Week at Lebanon

Budget.....	4,440.00
Non-Budget.....	448.95
In & Outs.....	0.00
Total Deposit.....	4,888.95

Fund of the Month - September - Slovak	373.95

2026 Budget	228,331.00
Budgeted giving needed through August (53.2%)	121,472.09
Actual budgeted giving through August	155,488.88

Food Pantry September 16: 104 families and 250 individuals.

NOTE: PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

DONATE RIGHT FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Giving through our Vanco Mobile app is an easy and convenient way to donate to our church. It only takes a moment to set up and account:

1. Download the free Vanco Mobile app from the App store or Google Play.
2. Find our Church by searching for our Church name: Lebanon Lutheran Church
3. Donate: to the General Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

Take home - Prayer Ventures September 2026

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

20 Give thanks for Jesus' parables — simple, illustrative stories that reveal God's word, demonstrate how to be a faithful disciple, and explain what it means to love and serve our neighbors in need. Ask God to be gracious, forgiving and patient, especially when we are puzzled, doubtful, defensive and full of questions.

21 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for autumn and the changing seasons, which remind us of God's creative presence and the complex interconnection of humankind and all creation. Let us express our gratitude and praise by wisely and responsibly stewarding all that has been entrusted to our care.

22 Give thanks and pray for our 65 synod bishops as they gather for the ELCA Conference of Bishops, that the Spirit will inspire their support of one another and guide the work and mission of our church through their prayer, worship, study, reflection and counsel.

23 Give thanks for our deaf neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for Deaf congregations, Deaf ministries, the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association and ELCA Disability Ministries as they work to develop local ministries, train leaders, provide resources and build relationships.

24 Aloud or silently, recite this prayer attributed to Martin Luther: "Lord, grant that anger or other bitterness does not reign over us, but that your grace, genuine kindness, loyalty and every kind of friendliness, generosity and gentleness may reign in us. Amen."

25 Pray for leaders of the ELCA, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and other ecumenical partners as they gather for the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference in Baltimore, that they will deepen their understanding of stewardship, discover new resources and be equipped and encouraged to nurture generosity in congregations.

26 Pray for young adults who provide short- and long-term service to our church, our communities and the world through congregational ministries, outdoor ministries, disaster relief organizations and other groups (including Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Urban Servant Corps and Young Adults in Global Mission). Give thanks that they respond to God's call to serve by sharing their faith, compassion, gifts and hunger for justice.


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This Week's Calendar

9/20	**9am**	**Adult Forum /Choir**
SUN	**10:15am**	**Worship**
9/21	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
MON	**10:30 am**	**Quilting**
9/22	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
TUES		
9/23	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
WED	9:30am-10:30am	Food Pantry
9/24	**9am-1pm**	**Office Hours**
THURS	**10am**	**Exercise Group / Upper Hall**
9/25		**Office Closed**
FRI		
9/26		
SAT		

Next Sunday, September 27

9am	Adult Forum
10:15	Worship